

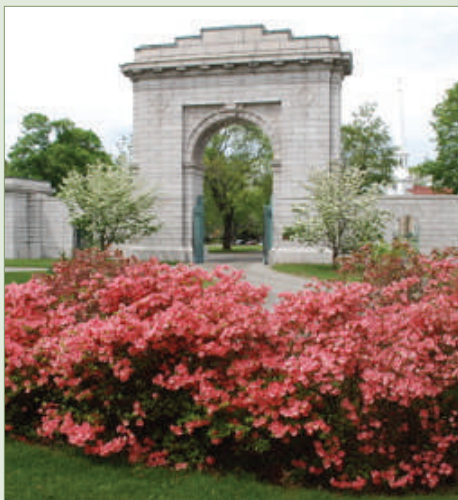


## Welcome!

Welcome to the West Parish Garden Cemetery Newsletter. This newsletter is intended to give the friends of the cemetery an update on current and recent happenings.

## Can You Help?

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to this nonprofit to help manage maintenance costs as we grow. Memorial trees and benches can be donated in a loved one's name. Visit our website today to make a donation or send a gift in the enclosed envelope.



## Spring has Arrived!

### Did you Know?

- The cemetery is non-denominational and open to all
- All the windows in the Chapel are original Tiffany stained glass windows
- The hydrangea plants in Hydrangea Circle are over 100 years old
- An AVIS trail runs through part of the cemetery
- The Chapel and stone cottage office were built in 1909



### Planting Guidelines

We welcome annual or perennial plantings in the cemetery and encourage lot owners to clean up their lots by removing broken pots or dead plants. **Please remove any artificial flowers as they are not allowed in our natural garden cemetery.** Glass items are prohibited, as well as solar lights. Mowing and trimming is in full swing and the crew does their best to work around so many tributes and mementos but please keep them to a minimum. If you have any questions, please call the office.

### Chapel Open for Viewing

The Chapel at West Parish will be open to the public for viewing on Saturday, **June 15** from **10-2**. We have recently made some improvements to our historic hidden gem. All are welcome to stop in.

### Children's Garden Fund

We have established a new Children's Garden Fund to allow us to maintain this special garden for years to come. We have a generous donor who is willing to match all donations so please consider donating today. Check the box on the enclosed remittance envelope if you would like to direct your gift to this fund.



## Stay Connected

We encourage you to check our website for a complete list of cemetery events.

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## West Parish Garden Cemetery

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### Cemetery History Walk

On Saturday, **June 1**, the **Cemetery History Walk** takes place at **11:00**. Come and learn about the rich history of West Parish and some of the notable people buried in the cemetery. The guided tour will conclude inside the Chapel where one can hear the organ play and see the original Tiffany stained glass windows. The tour is free and lasts approximately 1 ½ hours. Please meet at the Arch across from 129 Reservation Road in Andover. This event is free and donations are encouraged.



### Wedding Season at The Chapel at West Parish

The Chapel is available to rent for the wedding of your dreams! Couples love the intimate setting and our wedding coordinators Nancy and Sue work with each couple to ensure their special day goes perfectly. For more information on renting the Chapel, please call the office.

### Dog Walking in the Cemetery

Lots of four-legged friends visit the cemetery each day and must remain on a short leash (6 feet). We require dog owners to pick up after their pets and remove waste from the cemetery, as noted in our policy. Out of respect for our lot owners, please keep dogs away from any graves.

## Upcoming Events in the Cemetery

### Lantern Festival

The **10th Annual Lantern Festival** takes place on Saturday, **June 15** from **7-9 pm** on the lawn next to the Chapel at West Parish. Bring the kids, a blanket or chair, and enjoy an evening of music and lantern decorating. Lanterns will be launched on the pond at sunset to the music of bagpipes. The exciting Taiko Drummers will be performing, along with other entertainment. The event is free and the lanterns cost \$10 to decorate.



### New Expansion Area

Work has been continuing on the hillside behind Hydrangea Circle. Burial lots will be available in the coming months.



### Thank You!

Thanks to Mark Atwood and his crew for dealing with extensive storm damage and cleanup this year. The team works hard to maintain the cemetery grounds and keep things looking beautiful for all lot owners and visitors.